

**TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE MARC ELRICH ON BILL 18-21, POLICE –
INTERNAL AFFAIRS PROCEDURES AND REPORTING**

Greetings Council President and Councilmembers, I am ACAO Caroline Sturgis. I appear before you on behalf of County Executive Elrich regarding Bill 18-21. The County Executive supports this bill.

The bill provides for random review of body-worn camera recordings by the Police Department, requires the Department's Internal Affairs Division (IAD) to report certain internal investigations to the Police Chief, and requires the Chief to report some of those investigations to the County Executive and County Council. Last year, the County Executive launched an independent audit of the police department and two of the areas of focus being evaluated are internal affairs and use of force. The preliminary report provides recommendations to enhance both areas, including an internal auditing protocol for body worn camera and other force related videos. The police department audit preliminary report will be available at the end of this month. The Executive is committed to implementing the recommendations offered by the independent consultant that are evidence-based and best practices.

Thank you for your time this afternoon.